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Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting
Parties to the Convention for the Protection
of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution,
and its related Protocols

Antalya, Turkey, 12-15 October 1993

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

The Seventh Ordinary meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution (Cairo, 8-11 October 1991) accepted the offer of Turkey to host the Eighth Ordinary Meeting in Antalya from 12 to 15 October 1993.

The following annotations to the proposed agenda for the meeting were prepared by the secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations. The opening session will be preceded by informal consultation of heads of delegations on Tuesday, 12 October 1993 at 09.00 hours.

Agenda Item 1 - Opening of the meeting

As required by the Rules of procedure of meetings of the Contracting Parties, the meeting will be opened at 10.00 hours on Tuesday, 12 October 1993, by the President elected by the Seventh Ordinary Meeting, H.E. Dr. Atef Ebeid, Minister of Cabinet Affairs, Minister of State for Administrative Development and Minister in charge of the Environment of Egypt. It is expected that the Minister of Environment of Turkey, will welcome the Contracting Parties on behalf of his Government. The Executive Director of UNEP will deliver an opening statement.

Agenda Item 2 - Rules of procedure

The Rules of procedure adopted for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its related protocols (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI) will apply to this meeting.

Agenda Item 3 - Election of officers

In accordance with Rule 20, the meeting shall elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties a President, two vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. The Bureau shall remain in office until their successors are elected at the next ordinary meeting and shall serve in that capacity at any intervening extraordinary meetings.

Agenda Item 4 - Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Director in agreement with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties (Rule 10) has been distributed as UNEP(OCA)MED IG.3/1.

As recommended by the Seventh meeting of the Contracting Parties, the Eighth Ordinary Meeting will be conducted in plenary session, without establishing a committee of the whole.

The meeting will review and adopt as amended, the proposed timetable appearing in the Annex to the present document.

Simultaneous Arabic-English-French-Spanish interpretation will be available for the meeting.

Agenda Item 5 - Admission of new Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention

At its Cairo Meeting held in November 1992, after listening to a statement by the representative of Croatia expressing the wish of his country to be admitted to the Barcelona Convention, the Bureau of the Contracting Parties decided that this issue be deferred for decision to the Eighth Ordinary Meeting and that Croatia should apply for membership to the Barcelona Convention under the usual procedure, as stipulated in Article 26 of the Convention.

Moreover, it is expected that the meeting will also have before it a request from the Republic of Slovenia for admission to the Barcelona Convention.

The meeting will be requested to express its view on the two requests for admission in accordance with Article 26 of the Convention.

Agenda Item 6 - Credentials of Representatives

Each Contracting Party shall be represented by an accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternates and advisers as may be required (Rule 18). The credentials of the representatives and the names of the alternate representatives should be submitted to the Executive Director before the opening sitting. In accordance with Rule 19, the Bureau shall examine the credentials of representatives and submit its report to the meeting.

Agenda Item 7 - Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan in the 1992-1993

The meeting will be expected to consider and take note of the Progress Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan in 1992-1993 (UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/3), as a basis for the general debate.

The meeting will also have before it, for information, document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/Inf.3, "Report on the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan and other related activities", which was requested by the last Joint Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Committee and the Socio-Economic Committee (Athens, 3-7 May, 1993).

Agenda Item 8 - Proposed recommendations with respective budgetary allocations for the 1994-1995 biennium, for adoption and contributions of the Contracting Parties to the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF) for the 1994-1995 biennium

The Secretariat of the Mediterranean Action Plan will introduce, in general terms, document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/4, "Recommendations and proposed budget for 1994-1995 - Submitted for adoption".

The meeting is expected to concentrate its work on this document, to review it and to take decisions on the various proposed recommendations and budgetary allocations.

The meeting will also have before it the report of the Joint Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Committee and the Socio-Economic Committee contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/8, and Information document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/Inf.4, "Financial report on the implementation of activities for the 1992-1993 biennium", and information document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/Inf.5, "Up-dated report on the impact of inflation rates and exchange rate fluctuations on MAP budget", both requested by the last Joint Meeting of the two Standing Committees (Athens, 3-7 May, 1993).

Agenda Item 8 A - Implementation of the Barcelona Convention

- 8.1 Programme approval through decision-making meetings
- 8.2 Programme Co-ordination
- 8.3 Legal Component
- 8.4 Sustainable Development
 - (a) Implications of Agenda 21 for MAP
 - (b) Coastal Areas Management Programme (CAMP)

8.5 Information and training

The Secretariat of the Mediterranean Action Plan will introduce the relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/4, on recommendations and programme budget for 1994-1995, relevant to the implementation of the Barcelona Convention.

The meeting will also have before it the report of the Informal Consultation Meeting of Mediterranean Experts on "Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean", contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.63/4, as well as the various reports of the meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties, contained in documents UNEP/BUR/40/5, UNEP/BUR/41/3, and UNEP/BUR/42/3.

Agenda Item 8 B - Implementation of the LBS Protocol and the Dumping Protocol

8.6 Implementation of the LBS Protocol and the Dumping Protocol

The Secretariat of the Mediterranean Action Plan will introduce the relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/4, on recommendations and programme budget for 1994-1995 relevant to the LBS Protocol and the Dumping Protocol, with a view to their approval.

Under this component, the meeting will have before it recommendations concerning assessments and measures for control of pollution relevant to carcinogenic, mutagenic and teratogenic substances in the Mediterranean Sea.

The meeting will also have before it information documents UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/Inf.3, "Preliminary assessment of the state of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by zinc, copper and their compounds and proposed measures" and UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.66/Inf.4, "Assessment of the state of pollution in the Mediterranean Sea by carcinogenic, mutagenic and teratogenic substances and proposed measures".

Agenda Item 8 C - Monitoring of marine pollution in the Mediterranean

8.7 Monitoring of marine pollution in the Mediterranean

The Secretariat of the Mediterranean Action Plan will introduce the relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/4, on recommendations and programme budget for 1994-1995 relevant to the monitoring of pollution in the Mediterranean, with a view to their approval.

The meeting will also have before it information document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/Inf.6, "Evaluation report of the MED POL Programme".

Agenda Item 8 D - Implementation of the Protocol concerning cooperation on combating pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by oil and other harmful substances in cases of emergency

8.8 Prevention and combating pollution from ships

- (a) Protocol on Emergencies
- (b) Action plan on port reception facilities for the Mediterranean region

The Director of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) will introduce the relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/4, on recommendations and programme budget for 1994-1995 relevant to the implementation of the Protocol on emergencies and port reception facilities, with a view to their approval.

Agenda Item 8 E - Environmentally Sound Management of the Mediterranean Coastal Zones

8.9 Environmentally sound management of the Mediterranean coastal zones

- (a) Prospective analysis of the relationship between Environment and Development (Blue Plan-BP)

The President of the Blue Plan Regional Activity Centre (BP/RAC) will introduce the relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/4, on recommendations and programme budget for 1994-1995 relevant to the activities of the Blue Plan Centre, with a view to their approval.

- (b) Coastal planning and management (Priority Actions Programme-PAP)

The Director of the Priority Actions Programme Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC) will introduce the relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/4, on recommendations and programme budget for 1994-1995 relevant to the activities of the PAP Centre, with a view to their approval.

Agenda Item 8 F - Implementation of the Protocol on Specially Protected Areas and Coastal Historic Sites

8.10 Protection of the common Mediterranean heritage

(a) Protocol on Specially Protected Areas (SPA)

The Director of the Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC) will introduce the relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/4, on recommendations and programme budget for 1994-1995 relevant to the Protocol on Specially Protected Areas, with a view to their approval.

(b) Preservation of coastal historic sites of common Mediterranean interest (100 Historic Sites)

The Director of the Atelier du Patrimoine, Marseille, will introduce the relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/4, on recommendations and programme budget for 1994-1995 relevant to the preservation of coastal historic sites of common Mediterranean interest, with a view to their approval.

Agenda Item 9 - Establishment of a new Regional Activity Centre (RAC) for remote sensing under the umbrella of MAP

In accordance with the decision of the Bureau (Cairo, November 1992) and with the recommendation of the Joint Meeting of the two standing Committees (Athens, 3-7 May 1993), concerning the Italian request that the Centro di Telerilevamento Mediterraneo (CTM) in Scanzano, Italy, become a Regional Activity Centre for Remote Sensing in the Mediterranean region under the umbrella of MAP, the meeting will have before it an information paper prepared by the Italian authorities, requested by the last Joint Meeting. The meeting will also have before it a concrete recommendation contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/4, with a view to its approval.

Agenda Item 10 - Date and place of the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties

The meeting will be invited to consider the Secretariat's proposal to convene the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in Athens, Greece from 17 to 20 October 1995.

Agenda Item 11 - Any other business

The meeting may consider any other business relevant to the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan.

Agenda Item 12 - Adoption of the Report

A draft report of the meeting will be submitted to the participants for adoption.

Agenda Item 13 - Closure of the meeting

The meeting is expected to close by 18.00 hours on Friday, 15 October 1993.

Suggested Time Schedule

Date	Morning: 09.30 - 12.30	Afternoon: 14.30 - 17.30
Tuesday, 12 October	<u>Agenda Item:</u> 1. Opening 2. Rules of procedure 3. Election of officers 4. Adoption of agenda 5. Admission of new Contracting Parties 6. Credentials 7. Progress Report (general debate)	<u>Agenda Item:</u> 7. Progress Report (general debate - conclusion)
Wednesday, 13 October	<u>Agenda Item:</u> 8. Recommendations and budget 8A. Implementation of the Barcelona Convention: 8.1 Decision-making meetings 8.2 Programme Co-ordination 8.3 Legal Component 8.4 Sustainable development 8.5 Information and training	<u>Agenda Item:</u> 8B. Implementation of the LBS and Dumping Protocols 8.6 LBS and Dumping 8C. Monitoring of marine pollution in the Mediterranean 8.7 Monitoring 8D. Implementation of the Protocol on Emergencies 8.8 Protocol on emergencies and port reception facilities 8E. Environmentally sound management 8.9(a) Blue Plan (BP)

Date	Morning: 09.30 - 12.30	Afternoon: 14.30 - 17.30
Thursday, 14 October	<u>Agenda Item:</u> 8E. Environmentally sound management 8.9(b) Priority Actions Programme (PAP) 8F. Implementation of SPA Protocol 8.10(a) Specially protected areas (SPA)	<u>Agenda Item:</u> 8.10(b) Historic sites 9. Establishment of new RAC for remote sensing 10. Date & place of next meeting 11. Any other business
Friday, 15 October	No meeting (preparation of draft report)	<u>Agenda Item:</u> 12. Adoption of Report 13. Closure of meeting

Coffe Breaks: 11.00 a.m. and 16.00 p.m.